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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment filed 3/10/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-24.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's amendment, dated 4/28/05, has overcome the 112 rejections listed in the previous office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-24 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: With respect to independent claim 1, and dependent claims 2-11,23, the prior art of record does not disclose nor teach a light assembly comprising a thermally conductive housing, a hollow, a thermally conductive base, at least one infrared (IR) light emitting diode attached to, but electrically isolated from, an interior surface of the base, the IR light emitting diode (LED) emitting infrared light, wherein the infrared light is non-coherent and non-directional, at least one collimating lens connected to the top portion of the housing to collimate the IR light, the IR light emitted by the IR LED radiating in a direct path through a hollow, the direct path leading to the collimating lens, and the base directly transferring heat generated by the IR LED to the exterior of the light assembly, in combination with the remaining aspects of the claim. Since the prior art of record does not disclose nor teach this aspect, independent claim 1, and dependent claims 2-11, 23, are deemed allowable over the prior art of record.

With respect to independent claim 12, and dependent claims 13-22,24, the prior art of record does not disclose nor teach a light assembly comprising a thermally conductive housing, a hollow, a thermally conductive base, at least one infrared (IR)

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light emitting diode attached to, but electrically isolated from, an interior surface of the base, the IR light emitting diode (LED) emitting infrared light, wherein the infrared light is non-coherent and non-directional, at least one thermal electric cooler connected to the LED, the thermal electric cooler dissipating heat generated by the LED to minimize light emission outside of the IR spectrum of radiation, at least one collimating lens connected to the top portion of the housing to collimate the IR light, the IR light emitted by the IR LED radiating in a direct path through a hollow, the direct path leading to the collimating lens, and the base directly transferring heat generated by the IR LED to the exterior of the light assembly, in combination with the remaining aspects of the claim. Since the prior art of record does not disclose nor teach this aspect, independent claim 12, and dependent claims 13-22, 24, are deemed allowable over the prior art of record.

Applicant's arguments, see amendment, filed 4/28/05, with respect to claims 1-24 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony Quash whose telephone number is (571)-272-2480. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John R. Lee can be reached on (571)-272-2477. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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